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Indictment Returned by Bangor Federal Grand Jury

Bangor, Maine: United States Attorney Paula D. Silsby announced today that the federal grand jury sitting in Bangor returned an indictment against Rochelle Kenney of Rockland, Maine, on charges of Healthcare Fraud, Resulting in Death; Distribution of Methadone, Resulting in Death; and Distribution of Diazepam. The charges are related to the April 26, 2005 overdose death of John Kenney.

The Healthcare Fraud charge carries a maximum potential penalty of life imprisonment. The methadone distribution charge carries a mandatory minimum penalty of twenty years imprisonment and a maximum potential penalty of life imprisonment. The diazepam distribution charge carries a maximum potential penalty of three years imprisonment.

Kenney entered not guilty pleas to all three charges and was released on bail during a hearing in U.S. District Court in Bangor, Maine.

United States Attorney Silsby praised the investigation conducted by the Knox County Sheriff's Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

U.S. Attorney Silsby cautioned that an indictment is merely an accusation, and that the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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